

# Thousands of Employees On the Job During Rain

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Many times a constituent will ask a supervisor, "What role does the county play in my life?"  
Usually this person believes he has not had too much contact with or service from the county

because most of the county services are "behind the scenes." This is especially true if the person lives in a city, as opposed to an unincorporated area.  
The list of county services goes on and on, ranging from courts and sheriff's protection to

the Coroner's Office of the Adoptions Department.  
...BUT RARELY has the county's role been better portrayed to thousands of resident than during the two recent rainstorms which inundated many

areas, both in cities and unincorporated areas.  
The performance of county employees — particularly those from the Road Department, Flood Control District, Sheriff's Office and Fire Department — was outstanding.  
These employees and those from other county departments worked around the clock, often placing themselves in danger, fighting the storm and the resultant floods. Much property and many lives were lost because of the storms, but millions of dollars and hundreds of lives were saved because of these dedicated workers.

ment and the Fire Department, since they are constantly in the spotlight for the tremendous job they do saving lives and protecting property.  
But the lesser-heralded Road Department was probably one of the most involved staffs working during the storm.  
This department had more than 900 workers on the job, performing rescues, digging out homes and clearing roads so sheriff's deputies and fire crews could get through.

for the protection of motorists and pedestrians who had to travel in the areas hardest hit.  
In addition, the road crews assisted sheriff's deputies in the evacuation of victims in severely flooded areas.  
ANOTHER usually unsung county department which performed in an outstanding fashion was the Flood Control District.

# Harbor Schools to Get \$35 Million in Bonds

A new high school and additional elementary, junior and senior high schools in the Harbor area are included in tentative plans for a \$289 million Los Angeles school construction bond issue.  
Los Angeles voters will be asked to approve the bond issue April 1.  
The Harbor area would receive more than \$35 million of the bond issue if it is passed, according to Dr. Jack R. McClellan, Harbor area superintendent of elementary schools, and Allen A. Sebastian, area superintendent of secondary schools.  
The bond issue is designed to keep the number of students on half-day sessions from soaring beyond the 100,000 mark, meet normal enrollment increases, and structurally strengthen

buildings built before 1933, as required by state law.  
Dr. McClellan noted that if the bond issue is not passed by the voters, there could be an estimated 100,000 pupils on double sessions next year. About a quarter of the 20,000 pupils now on double session are in the Harbor area, he said.  
Sebastian said that the plans call for 39 classrooms and land for Banning Senior High School. In addition, if the bond issue passes, land would be purchased for a new senior high school in the Dominguez area.  
Overall, \$4,683,000 would be spent in the Harbor area for rehabilitation of buildings; \$4,524,000 for land for new buildings; \$2,533,100 for land for additions to existing buildings; \$5,589,800 for new schools; \$15,323,230 for additions to existing schools.

# 'Oklahoma' Will Open Tomorrow

Everything's up to date in Kansas City — and in Long Beach, too, where "Oklahoma" opens a seven-performance run tomorrow.  
The first — and most successful — Broadway collaboration of Hammerstein II will be presented for two weekends in the Concert Hall of Municipal Auditorium as a Long Beach Civic Light Opera production.  
In leading roles are Stephen McAndrew as Curly, Marty

Rolph as Laurey, Wayne Dvorak as Will, Lindsay Jones as Ado Annie, Frank Corsentino as Ali Hakim, and Carol Gewnn as Aunt Eller.  
"Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway in 1943 and ran for 2,248 performances, second only to "My Fair Lady" in longevity. It has the proper proportions of romance, comedy, memorable tunes and even suspense.  
Curly and Laurey supply an on-again, off-again romance that

culminates in marriage; comedy lines abound; the villainous Jud provides suspense in a fatal fight scene, and the memorable tunes include "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," "People Will Say We're in Love," "Kansas City" (where everything's up to date), "The Surrey With the Fringe on Top," and the title song.  
Evening performances — Feb. 6, 7, 8, 14 and 15 — begin at 8:30. Matinees are scheduled for Sundays, Feb. 9 and 16, at 2:30.

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